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SPIDER-MAN

CHAPTER ONE



...AND NOW
THE LIZARD!

LOST PACKAGES

UNDERSTAND, I NEVER SET
OUT TO BE SOME KIND OF
SUPER HERO.

BEFORE I WAS BITTEN BY A
RADIOACTIVE SPIDER I WAS
JUST PLAIN PETER PARKER,
HIGH SCHOOL KID FROM
QUEENS.

NOW I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF
THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES,
ABOUT TO GET MY HEAD
HANDLED TO ME BY A GIANT-
SIZED IGUANA.

MOMMY NATURE'S REVENGE
FOR ALL THOSE FROGS
THEY MADE ME CUT UP IN
BIOLOGY CLASS.

AND TO THINK, WHEN I
ACCEPTED J. JONAH
JAMESON'S CHALLENGE
AND CAME DOWN HERE TO
TRACK THE LIZARD I
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A
WALK IN THE PARK!

AFTER ALL, WASN'T I THE
GUY WHO'D JUST GONE A
COUPLE OF ROUNDS WITH
DOCTOR DOOM AND LIVED
TO TELL THE TALE?

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I GUESS YOU COULD SAY IT ALL STARTED THREE DAYS AGO.

DOOM HAD CAPTURED SOMEONE HE THOUGHT WAS ME-- BUT WAS REALLY FLASH THOMPSON, MY MIDTOWN HIGH NEMESIS, WHO'D DRESSED UP AS SPIDER-MAN AS PART OF SOME DUMB PRANK.

I TRACKED DOOM'S SHIP WITH MY SPIDER-SENSE, BUT WHEN I WENT SWINGING IN TO THE RESCUE...

AH-HGH!! THE FLOOR... IS... ELECTRIFIED!

NOT THE WHOLE FLOOR, SPIDER-MAN. MERELY THE AREA TO WHICH MY CONVENIENTLY OPEN HATCH DIRECTED YOU.

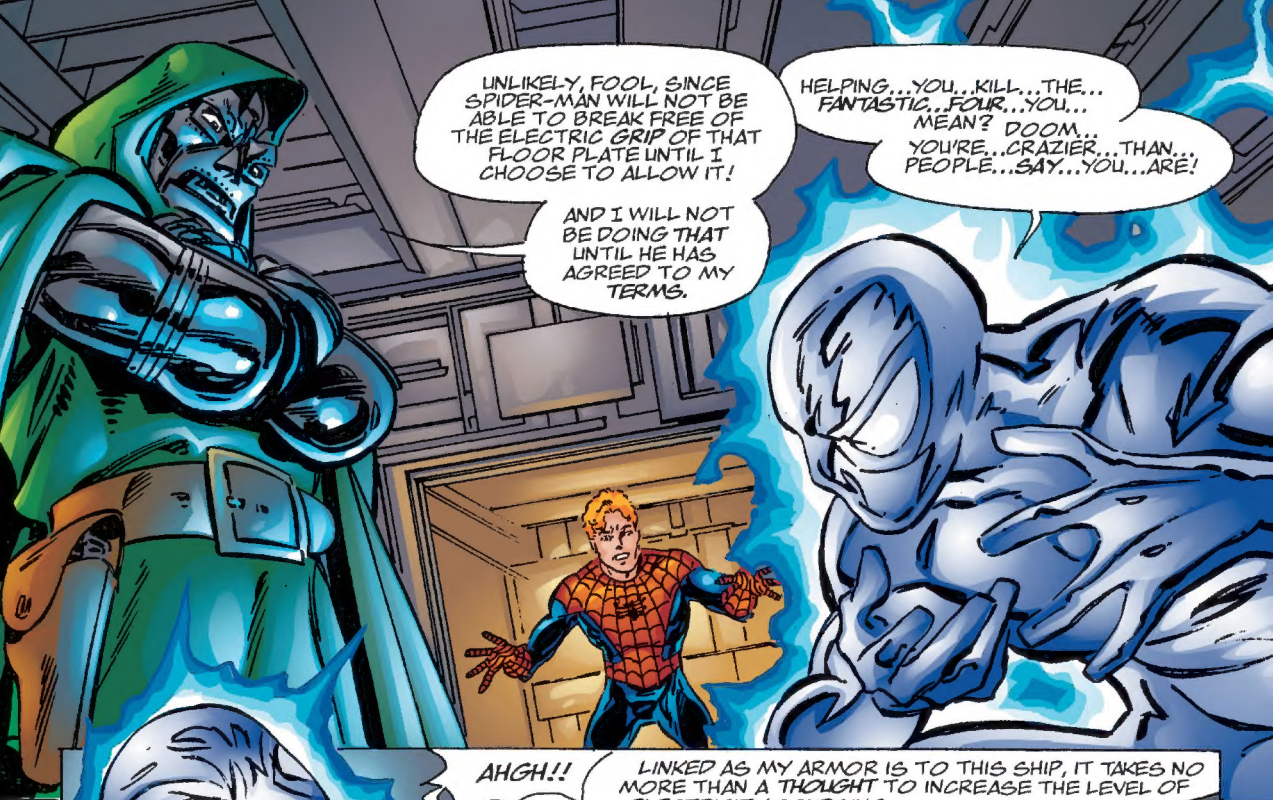
OF COURSE, THE SENSORS MOUNTED IN THE HULL OF MY SHIP DETECTED YOUR ARRIVAL.

IMAGINE MY SURPRISE TO LEARN THIS DOLT HAD BEEN TELLING ME THE TRUTH ALL ALONG! THAT HE IS NOT THE REAL SPIDER-MAN!

IT'S... AN... EXPENSIVE... FRANCHISE... DOOMSY.

NOT... EVERYONE... CAN... AFFORD... THE... DUES.

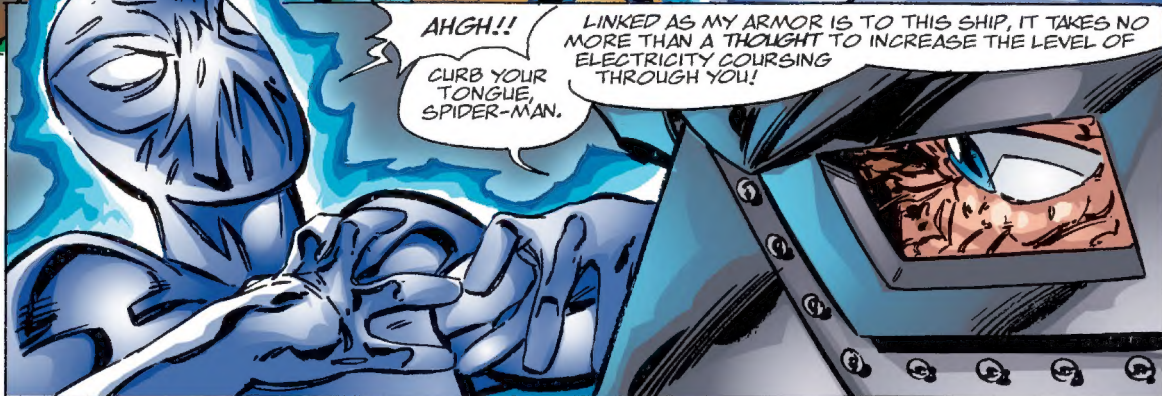
YOU TELL 'IM, SPIDEY! KICK HIS TIN-CAN BUTT!!



UNLIKELY, FOOL, SINCE SPIDER-MAN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BREAK FREE OF THE ELECTRIC GRIP OF THAT FLOOR PLATE UNTIL I CHOOSE TO ALLOW IT!

AND I WILL NOT BE DOING THAT UNTIL HE HAS AGREED TO MY TERMS.

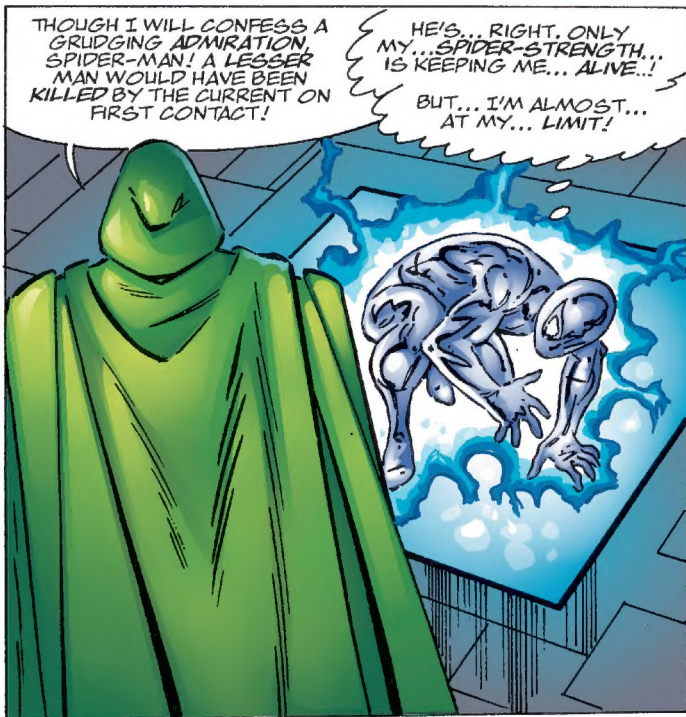
HELPING... YOU... KILL... THE... FANTASTIC... FOUR... YOU... MEAN? DOOM... YOU'RE... CRAZIER... THAN... PEOPLE... SAY... YOU... ARE!



AHGH!!

CURB YOUR TONGUE, SPIDER-MAN.

LINKED AS MY ARMOR IS TO THIS SHIP, IT TAKES NO MORE THAN A THOUGHT TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF ELECTRICITY COURSE THROUGH YOU!



THOUGH I WILL CONFESS A GRUDGING ADMIRATION SPIDER-MAN! A LESSER MAN WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE CURRENT ON FIRST CONTACT!

HE'S... RIGHT. ONLY MY... SPIDER-STRENGTH... IS KEEPING ME... ALIVE!!

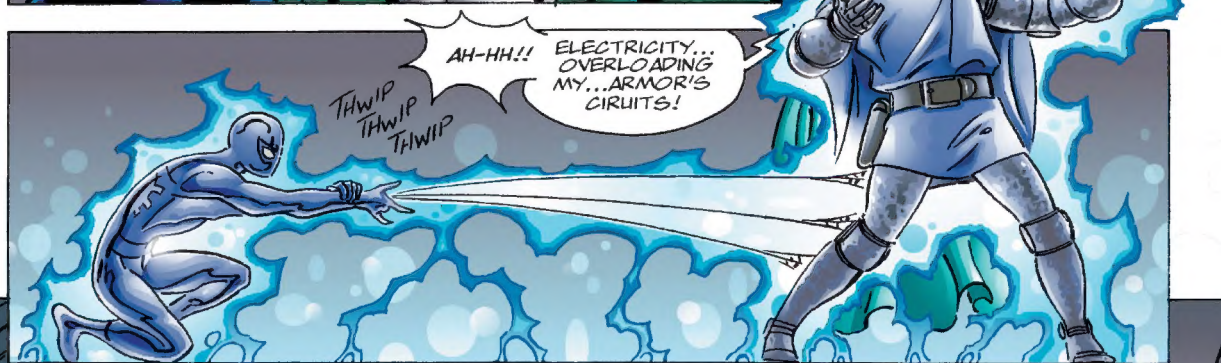
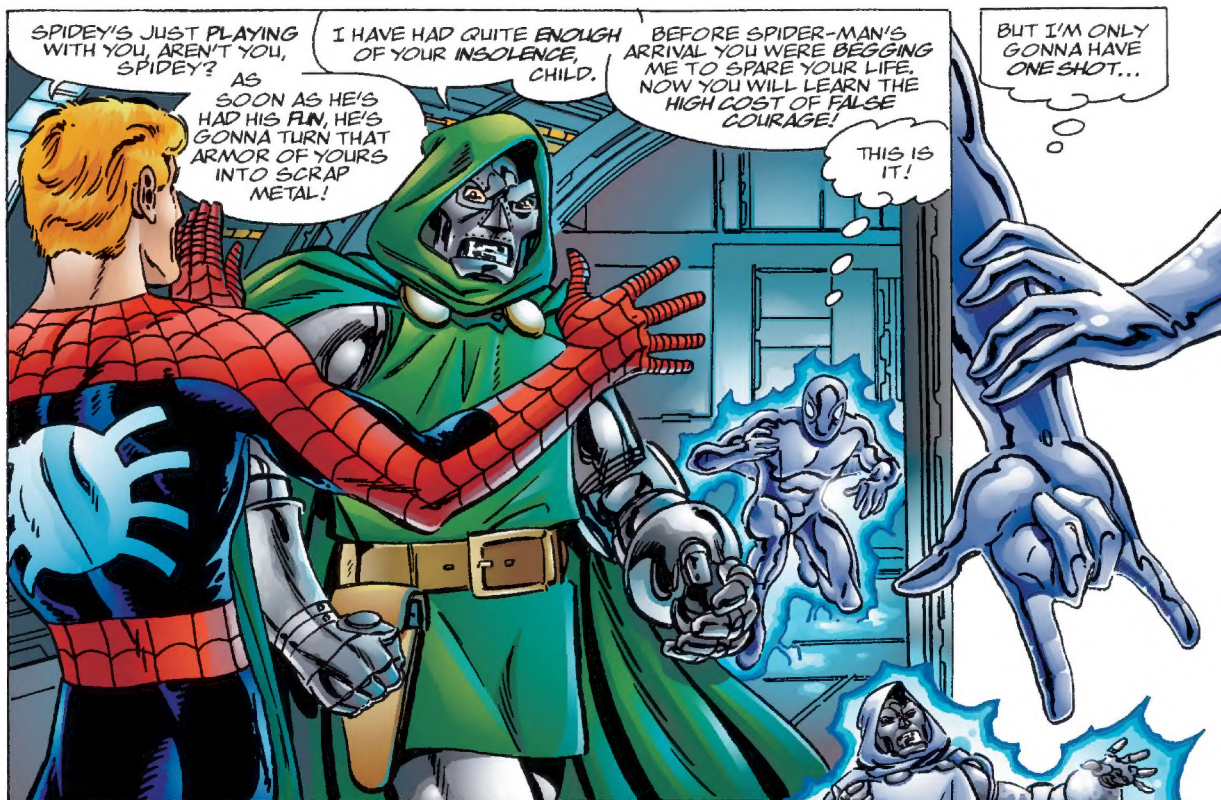
BUT... I'M ALMOST... AT MY... LIMIT!



I WONDER... IT'S A... LONG SHOT... BUT I CAN'T... THINK OF... A REASON... IT... SHOULDN'T WORK...

IF... I CAN... STAY ALIVE... UNTIL I GET... THE CHANCE...

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT HOT AIR, DOOM!





IF I FRY...I TAKE YOU...WITH ME!

BAH! DOOM IS... NOT SO... EASILY BESTED... BY A CLOWN!



HE CUT THE CURRENT! I'M FREE!

YOU ARE MORE RESOURCEFUL THAN I GAVE YOU CREDIT FOR, SPIDER-MAN.

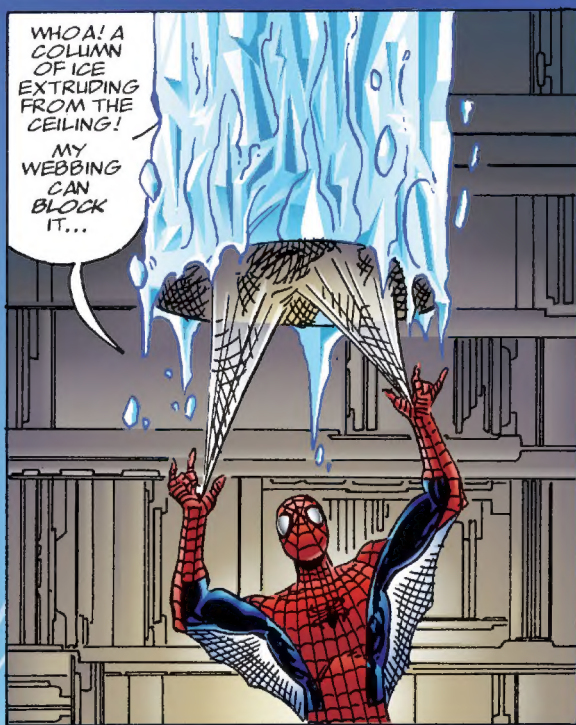
BUT YOU HAVE BARELY BEGUN TO SAMPLE MY WARES!

MY SPIDER-SENSE WAS GOING NUTS!

IS THAT JUST A REACTION TO BEING ON BOARD DOOM'S SHIP...



WHOA! A COLUMN OF ICE EXTRUDING FROM THE CEILING! MY WEBBING CAN BLOCK IT...



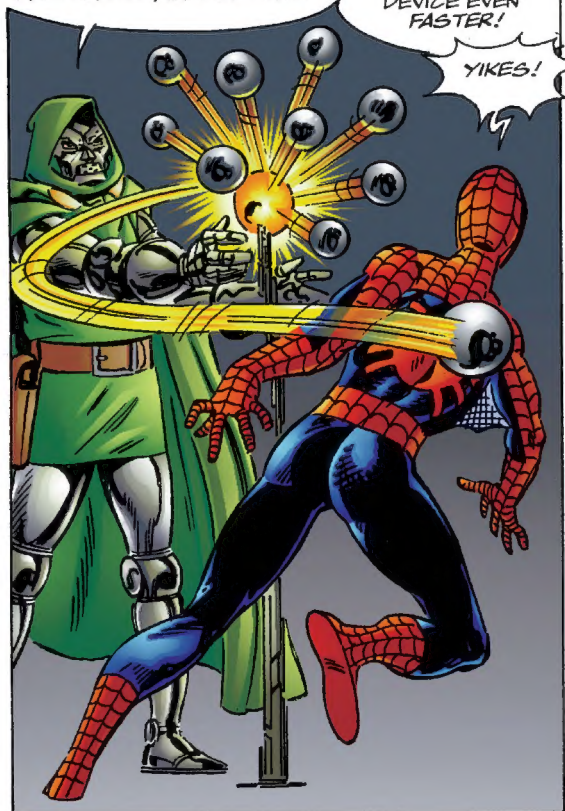
...BUT ONLY LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO JUMP OUT OF THE WAY!



YOUR REFLEXES ARE EVERY BIT AS FAST AS I HAD CALCULATED, SPIDER-MAN.

BUT I THINK YOU WILL FIND THIS DEVICE EVEN FASTER!

YIKES!



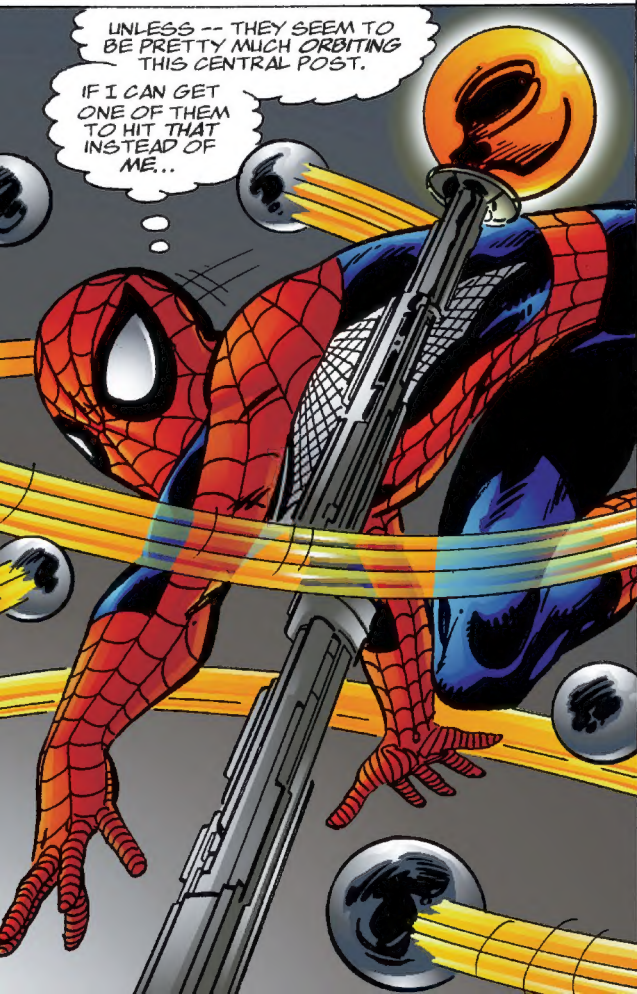
DOOM'S RIGHT! THERE'S TOO MANY OF THESE THINGS FOR MY SPIDER-SENSE TO TRACK!

SOONER OR LATER ONE OF 'EM IS GONNA HIT ME. AND HARD!



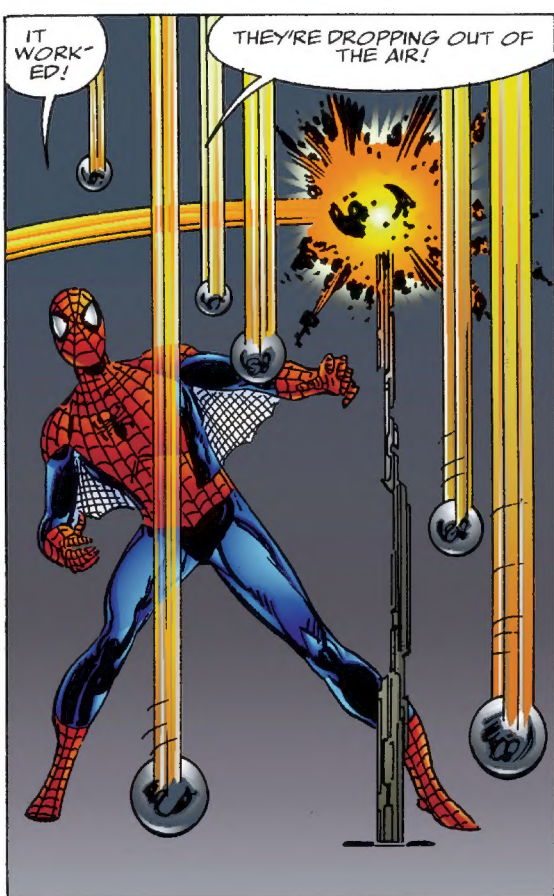
UNLESS -- THEY SEEM TO BE PRETTY MUCH ORBITING THIS CENTRAL POST.

IF I CAN GET ONE OF THEM TO HIT THAT INSTEAD OF ME...



IT WORK-ED!

THEY'RE DROPPING OUT OF THE AIR!



GONNA MAKE A BIG GUESS HERE, DOOMSY!

YOU MAY HAVE SOME OF THE CONTROLS FOR THIS TUB BUILT IN-TO YOUR SUIT --

BUT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANY VISIBLE CONTROL SURFACES IF YOU DIDN'T NEED 'EM!

GUMMING UP THE WORKS. WITH WEBBING SHOULD...

HEY !!

FOOL! DO YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE VICTOR VON DOOM HAS NOT PLANNED FOR EVERY CONTINGENCY?

ANOTHER ONE!

RIGHT! I HEARD YOU HAVE A FONDNESS FOR ROBOTS, DOOM!

BIT OF A GOD COMPLEX, THERE? ALL OF 'EM IN YOUR OWN IMAGE?

AND WHO HAS A BETTER RIGHT TO THINK HIMSELF A GOD AMONGST MEN, SPIDER-MAN?

BEHOLD ANOTHER SAMPLING OF MY UNPARALLELED GENIUS!



OKAY, NOW THIS WAS
STARTING TO GET NASTY!

THE ENERGY BEAMS WERE
PURE PLASMA--HOTTER
THAN THE SUN!

HERE, YOU PLAY WITH YOUR
LITTLE DOPPELGANGER
WHILE I FIND A WAY TO
BREAK YOUR NEW TOY!

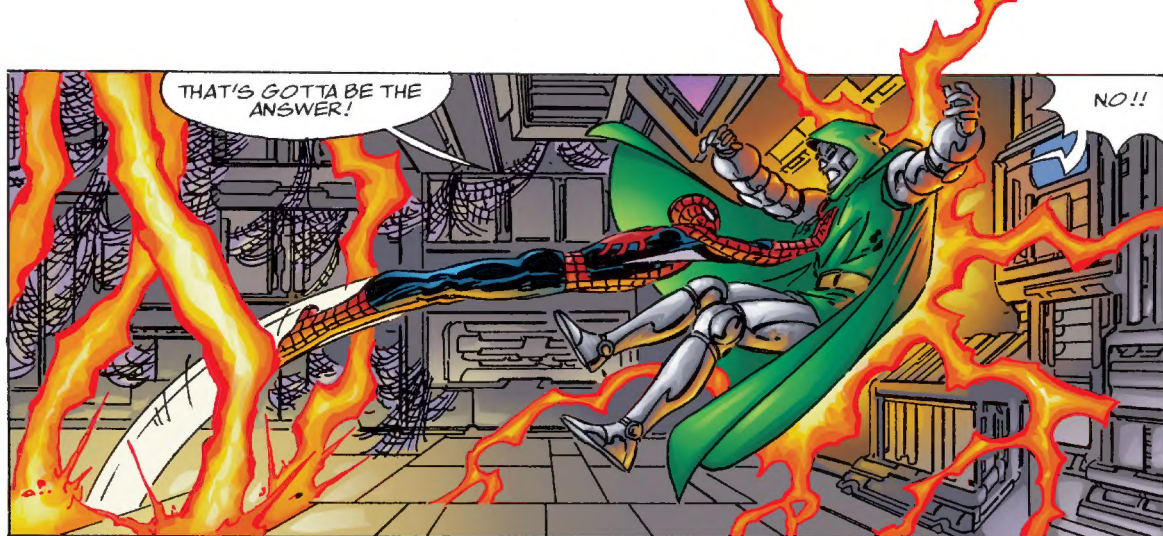
THIS IS
REALLY
HAIRY,
NOW!

IF ONE OF THOSE BOLTS
SO MUCH AS TOUCHES ME,
IT'S GONNA FRY ME!

THINK,
PARKER!
THINK!

DOOM DIDN'T USE HIS SUIT
CIRCUITRY TO TURN ON THIS
LITTLE WHIRLIGIG.

HE USED THAT CONTROL
PANEL, ONE OF THE ONES I
DIDN'T GET TO WEB UP,
NATCH!



THAT'S GOTTA BE THE ANSWER!

NO!!



OH, NO! I KILLED HIM!
NO--MY GOSH! THIS ONE IS
A ROBOT, TOO!!



OF COURSE, SPIDER-MAN. DOOM DOES NOT
DIRTY HIS HANDS WITH SUCH MINOR CONSIDERATIONS
AS DEFEATING THE LIKES OF YOU!

I'M
DEFEATED?

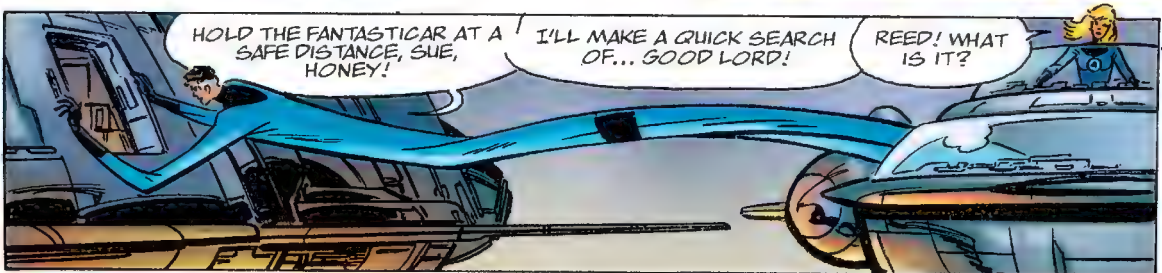
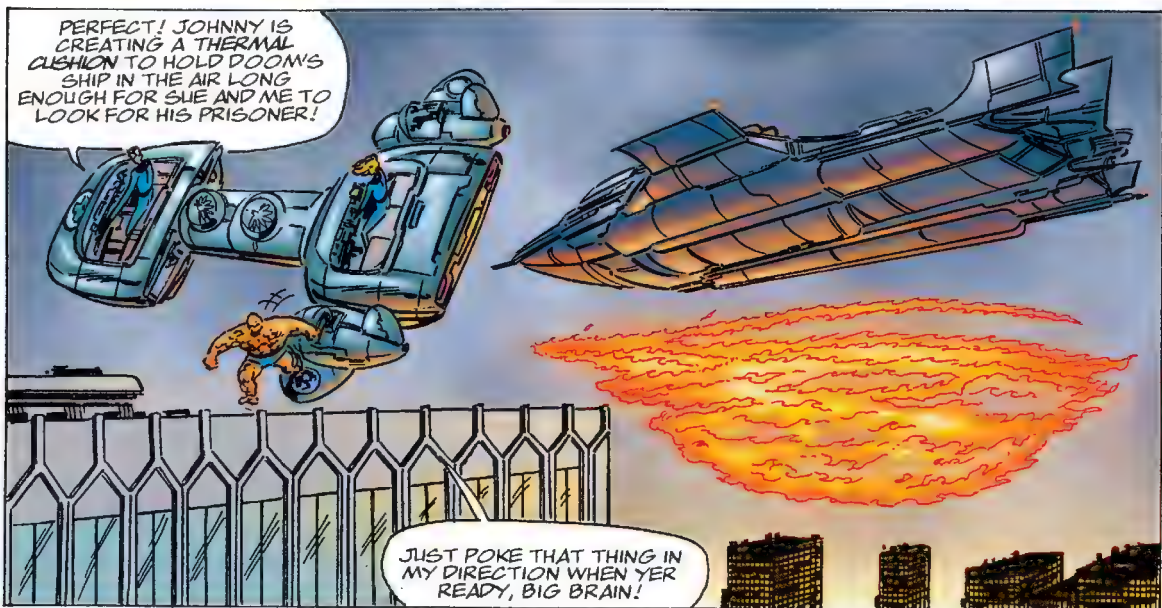
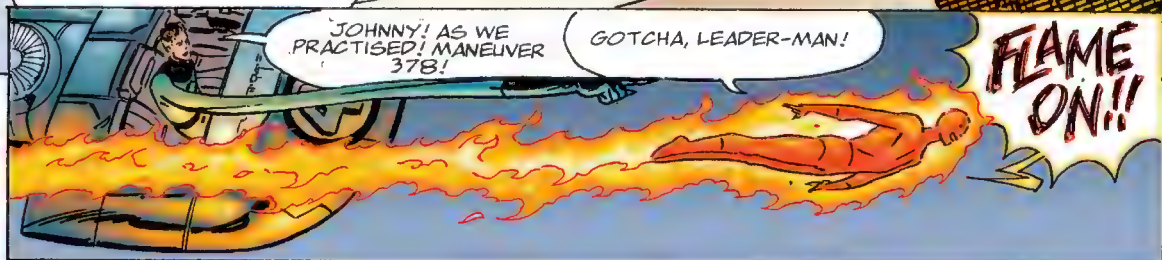
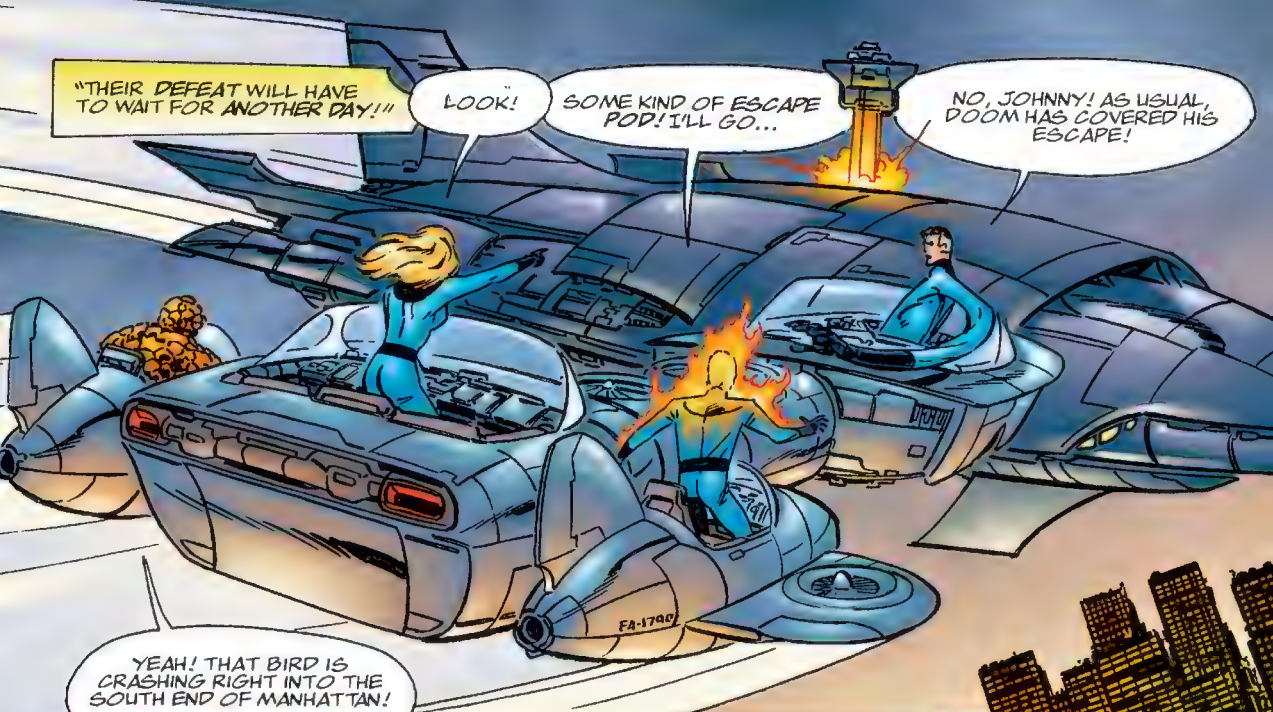
YOU SHOULD'VE TOLD ME,
DOC! I CAN'T KEEP TRACK
OF ALL THESE THINGS
MYSELF!

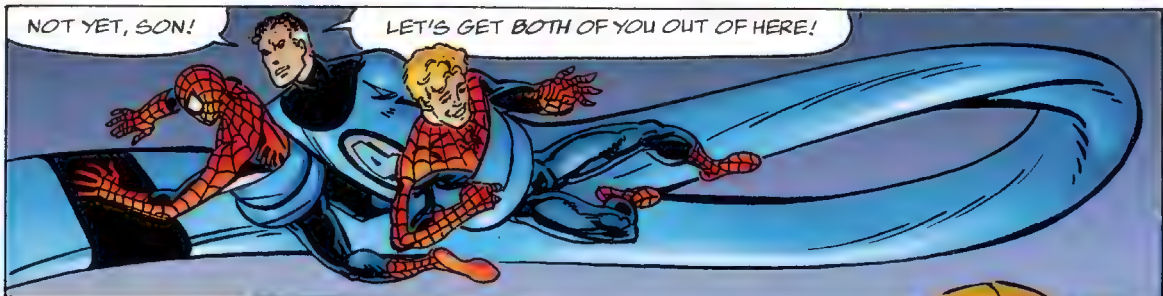
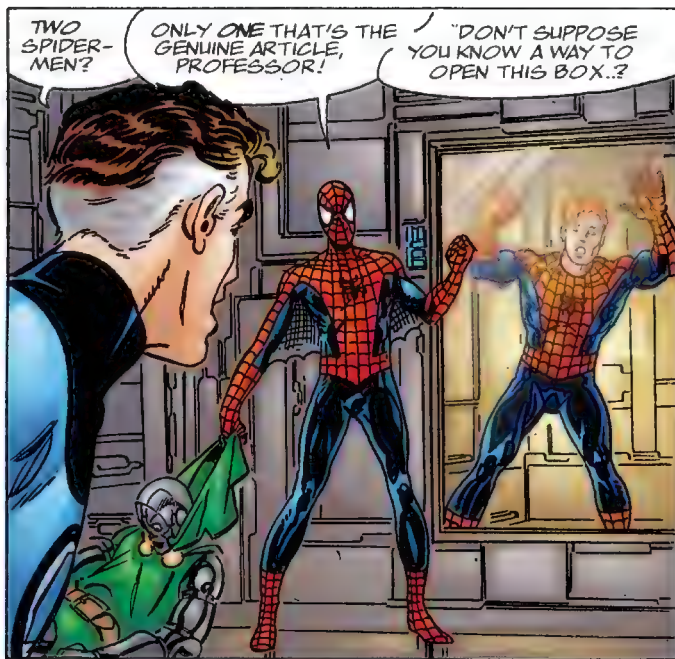


INSOLENT FOOL! YOU MAY
HAVE DONE IRREPARABLE
DAMAGE TO MY AIRSHIP
BUT I CAN STILL SQUASH
YOU AS EASILY AS... EH?

BLAST! THE
FANTASTICAR!

I AM NO LONGER
PREPARED TO DEAL
WITH THE
FANTASTIC FOUR.





HOOK

IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!!

HOLY COW! HE BELTED THAT HUGE SHIP OUT INTO THE RIVER!

YES, WE CAN RECOVER IT LATER, AND MAKE CERTAIN IT'S RENDERED HARMLESS.

NOW, LET'S GET YOU GENTLEMEN TO SAFETY!

I CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT ON MY OWN, THANKS!

BUT I THINK FLASH COULD USE A LIFT BACK TO FOREST HILLS!

THANKS, SPIDEY! I KNEW YOU'D COME TO MY RESCUE!



I'D SURVIVED A BATTLE WITH DOCTOR DOOM, BUT THE ONE THING THAT WAS GOING TO MAKE MY DAY COMPLETE WAS SEEING FLASH THOMPSON'S RED FACE AS ALL MY SCHOOLMATES RAGGED ON HIM!

THE NEXT MORNING I RACED TO CLASS EVEN MORE EAGER THAN USUAL, ONLY TO FIND...

WHAT'S THAT CROWD? IS FLASH ALREADY GETTING HIS MEDICINE?

NO SUCH LUCK...

MORE, FLASH! TELL US MORE!

YEAH, IT'S LUCKY THE FANTASTIC FOUR TURNED UP WHEN THEY DID! ME AN' SPIDER-MAN WOULD HAVE CLEARED DOOM'S CLOCK FOR SURE IF HE HADN'T RUN AWAY!

WHY--SPIDEY EVEN ASKED ME TO SHOW HIM SOME OF THE MOVES I USE ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD!

YOU'RE KIDDING ME...!!

WHY THE LONG FACE, PARKER? CAN'T STAND BEING OUTSHONE BY FLASH--AGAIN?

DON'T WORRY--IF YOU KEEP POLISHING YOUR TEST TUBES, MAYBE SOME DAY YOU'LL GET SOME MUSCLE ON YOU, TOO!

RIGHT, LIZ, RIGHT. JUST ABOUT THE SAME TIME FLASH GROWS A BRAIN CELL...

IT WAS A DRAG HAVING TO WATCH FLASH BASK IN ALL THAT REFLECTED GLORY...

...AND THINGS WEREN'T MUCH BETTER A DAY OR SO LATER WHEN I STOPPED BY J. JONAH JAMESON'S OFFICE AT THE DAILY BUGLE...

I'M SURPRISED YOU HAVE THE GALL TO SHOW YOUR FACE AROUND HERE, PARKER!

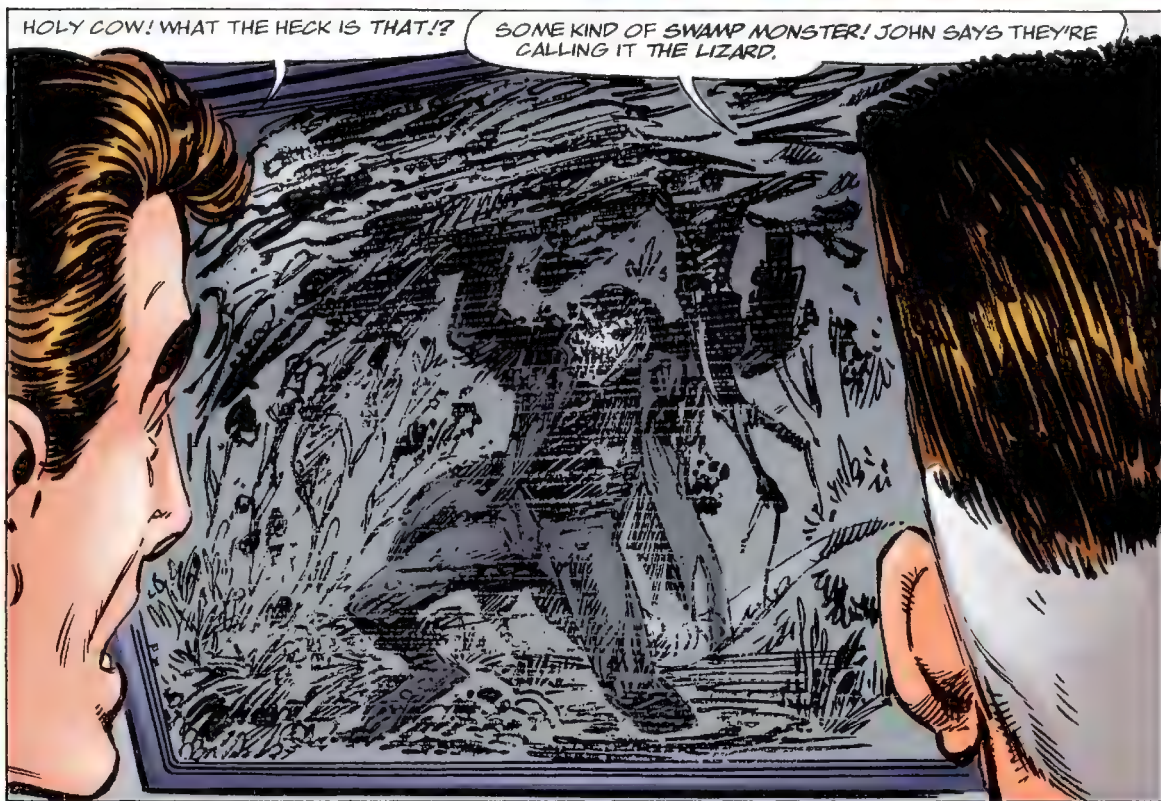
WHERE ARE MY PICTURES OF SPIDER-MAN TEAMING UP WITH DOCTOR DOOM TO FIGHT THE FF?

ER--I DON'T THINK THAT'S QUITE HOW IT HAPPENED, MR. JAMESON...



NO? WELL WHO CARES
WHAT YOU THINK?

NOW--TAKE
A LOOK AT
THIS VIDEO
TAPE MY SON
SENT IT TO
ME FROM
FLORIDA



HOLY COW! WHAT THE HECK IS THAT!?

SOME KIND OF SWAMP MONSTER! JOHN SAYS THEY'RE
CALLING IT THE LIZARD.



THIS LOOKS LIKE ABOUT A
FIFTH OR SIXTH
GENERATION COPY. HARD
TO TELL IF IT'S REAL OR
NOT.

OH, I'M SURE
IT'S A FAKE
TAPE--BUT
IT'S A VERY
REAL WAY TO
SELL PAPERS!



I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT JAME-
SON WAS TALKING ABOUT, BUT
THE NEXT DAY...

GOOD MORNING,
PETEY DEAR!
YOUR BREAKFAST
IS ALMOST
READY!

THANKS,
AUNT
MAY!
I'LL JUST
READ THE
DAILY BUGLE
WHILE I...



WHAT IN...??

THE BUGLE
CHALLENGES
SPIDER-MAN
TO DEFEAT
THE LIZARD

OF COURSE, I KNEW WHAT I HAD TO DO...

YOU HEARD ME! I WANT THAT CHALLENGE TO SPIDER-MAN IN A BOX ON THE FRONT PAGE OF EVERY EDITION THIS WEEK!

I CAN SELL PAPERS AND MAKE SPIDER-MAN LOOK LIKE A COWARD!

EH..?

NOT SO FAST, JJ!

SPIDER-MAN! ATTACKING ME!

DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF, BIG MOUTH!

YOU'VE HAD AN AXE TO GRIND AGAINST ME SINCE DAY ONE, JAMESON -- EVEN AFTER I SAVED YOUR SON AND HIS WHOLE SHUTTLE CREW!

WELL, I'M GONNA SHUT YOU UP ONCE AND FOR ALL!

D-DON'T THREATEN ME! I'M A POWERFUL MAN IN THIS CITY! IF YOU KILL ME...

KILL YOU? I'D RATHER EMBARRASS YOU, BIG GUY. AND THAT'S WHY I'VE DECIDED TO ACCEPT YOUR STUPID CHALLENGE.

I'M GONNA GO AFTER THE LIZARD FOR YOU...

"...ON ONE CONDITION!"

JUST REMEMBER, PARKER...

YOU'RE ONLY
HERE BECAUSE
SPIDER-MAN
INSISTED I
ASSIGN YOU TO
COVER THIS!

I KNOW! I KNOW! YOU
TOLD ME A HUNDRED TIMES
ALREADY HE SAID HE
WANTED TO EMBARRASS
ME, TOO, FOR TAKING ALL
THOSE PICTURES OF HIM!

BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE?

BECAUSE THIS IS TOO
BIG A STORY TO LET A
SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD
COVER ALONE!

PLEASE RETURN TO
YOUR SEAT, MR.
JAMESON. WE'LL BE
LANDING SOON.

FINALLY! SEEMS LIKE
HE SPENT THE WHOLE
FLIGHT JUMPING UP
AND DOWN SO HE
COULD BLATHER AT
ME.

MAYBE NOW I
CAN FINALLY
GET MY
RESEARCH
DONE.

ACCORDING TO THE STUFF I WAS ABLE TO PULL
FROM THE INTERNET, THIS CURTIS CONNORS GUY
IS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP EXPERTS ON
LIZARDS AND REPTILES...

"...AND HE LIVES NEAR THE
AREA WHERE THE LIZARD
HAS BEEN SIGHTED..."

DITCHING JONAH AT THE
AIRPORT WAS EASY...

...BUT I WAS WAY OUT OF
MY ELEMENT IN THE
EVERGLADES!

MY SPIDER-SENSE IS
TINGLING ALMOST NON-
STOP!

NOT SURPRISING, WITH ALL
THE SNAKES AND BUGS AND
WHO-KNOWS-WHAT LURKING
IN THIS JUNGLE!

EXCEPT -- WHERE ARE
ALL THE CRITTERS?

IT'S SO... QUIET! LIKE
THERE'S NOTHING
ALIVE HERE...

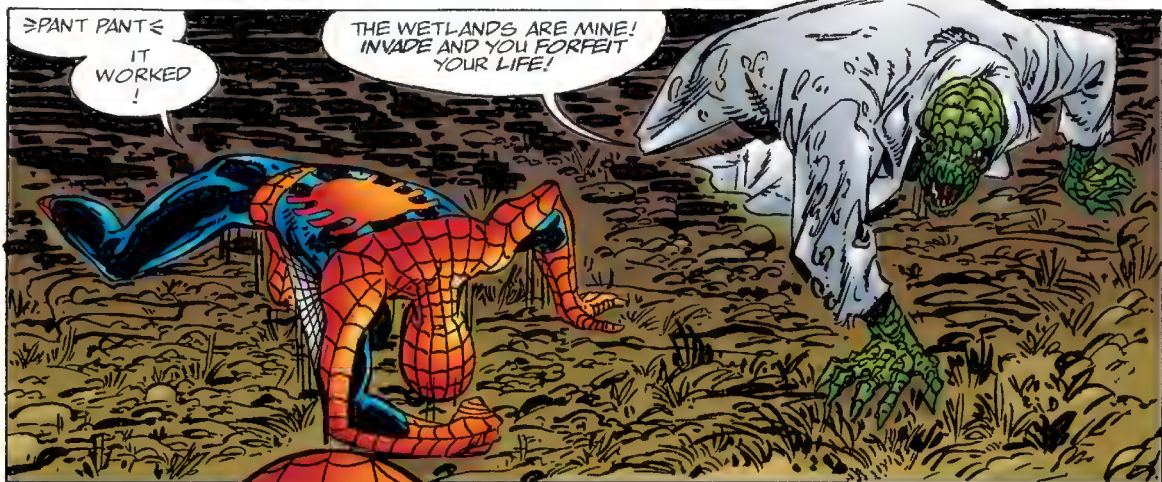
HEY!

HOLY
...!!!

IT'S
HIM!!

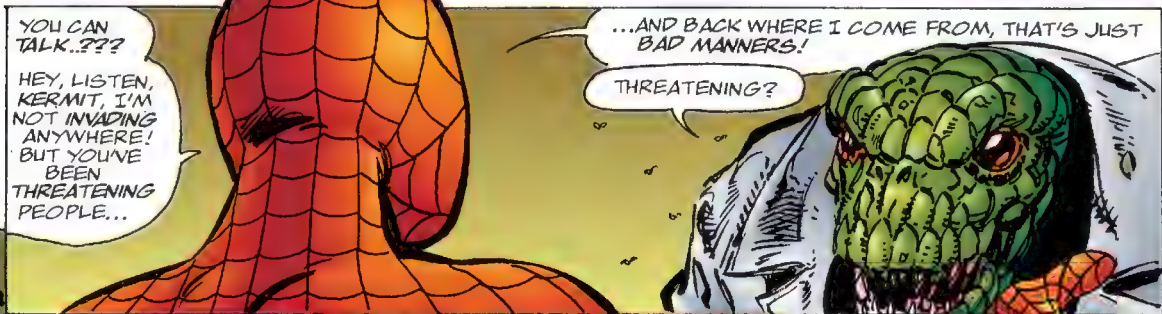
HE'S GOT ME AT
A REAL
DISADVANTAGE...

LESSEE HOW
HE LIKES A
FACE FULL OF
MUD!



SPANT PANT!
IT
WORKED
!

THE WETLANDS ARE MINE!
INVADE AND YOU FORFEIT
YOUR LIFE!



YOU CAN
TALK...???

HEY, LISTEN,
KERMIT, I'M
NOT INVADING
ANYWHERE!
BUT YOU'VE
BEEN
THREATENING
PEOPLE...

...AND BACK WHERE I COME FROM, THAT'S JUST
BAD MANNERS!

THREATENING?



THE LIZARD DOES NOT
THREATEN!

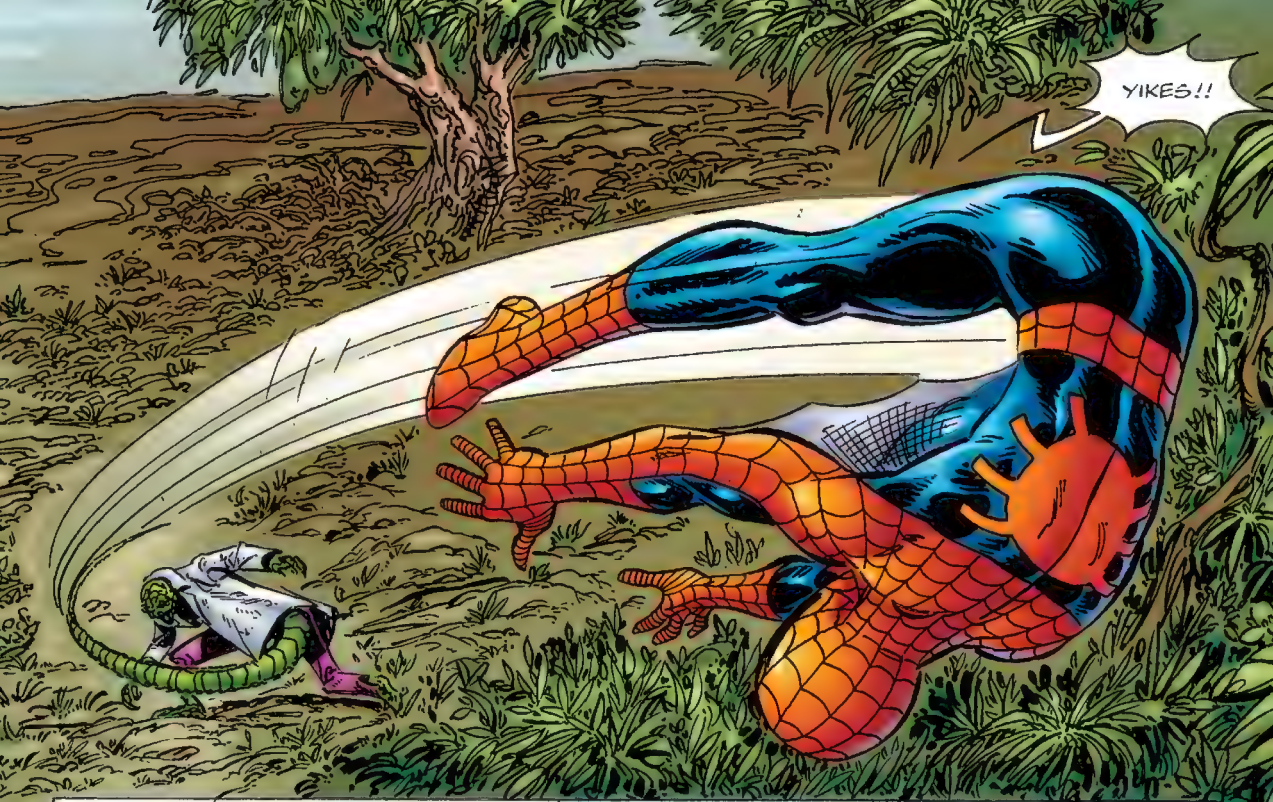
THE
LIZARD
ACTS!

YOW!

HE'S FAST AS I
AM--AND MAYBE
MORE POWERFUL!

AND I'VE GOT A NASTY
FEELING THAT'S NOT A
COSTUME!

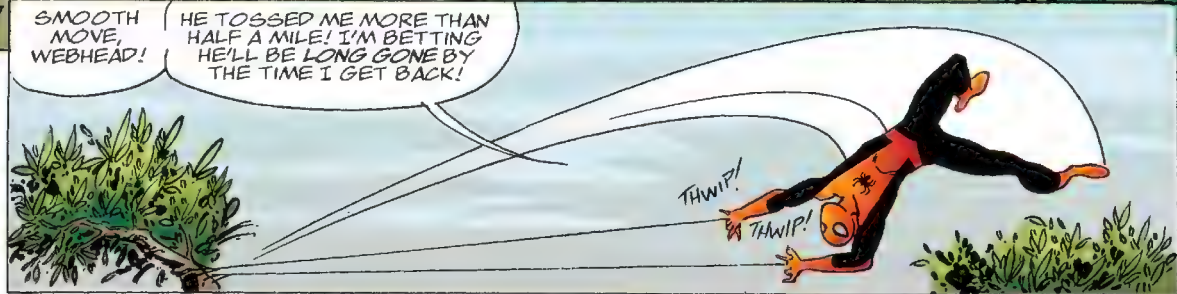
BETTER FIND
A WAY TO
KNOCK THE
FIGHT OUT
OF HIM AS
FAST AS I
CAN!



YIKES!!

SMOOTH
MOVE,
WEBHEAD!

HE TOSSED ME MORE THAN
HALF A MILE! I'M BETTING
HE'LL BE LONG GONE BY
THE TIME I GET BACK!



THWIP!

THWIP!

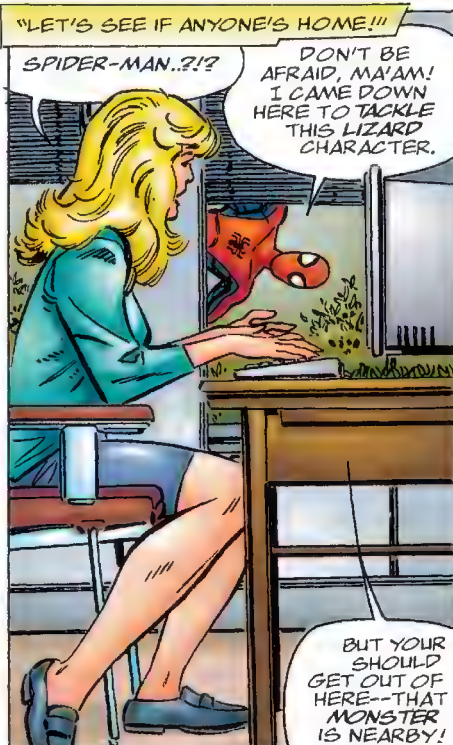
BUT AT LEAST HE
TOSSED ME IN
THE RIGHT
DIRECTION!



THAT'S GOTTA
BE THE
CONNORS HOUSE...

"LET'S SEE IF ANYONE'S HOME!!"

SPIDER-MAN...?/?



DON'T BE
AFRAID, MA'AM!
I CAME DOWN
HERE TO TACKLE
THIS LIZARD
CHARACTER.

BUT YOUR
SHOULD
GET OUT OF
HERE--THAT
MONSTER
IS NEARBY!

...MONSTER...

NO, SPIDER-MAN.
I CAN'T LEAVE. THE
LIZARD MAY BE A
MONSTER, BUT HE'S...



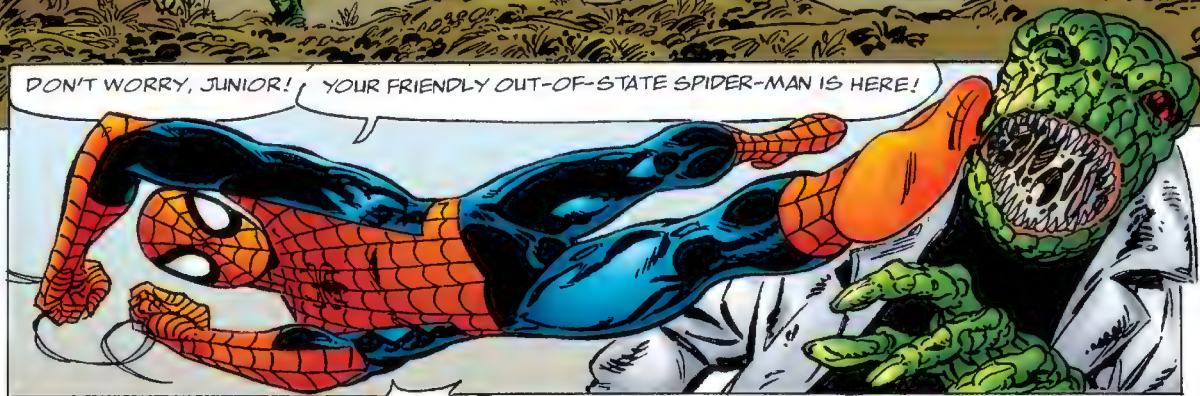
MOMMY
!!

A KID...!!



DON'T SCREAM! I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!

MOMMY! MOMMY!!



DON'T WORRY, JUNIOR! YOUR FRIENDLY OUT-OF-STATE SPIDER-MAN IS HERE!



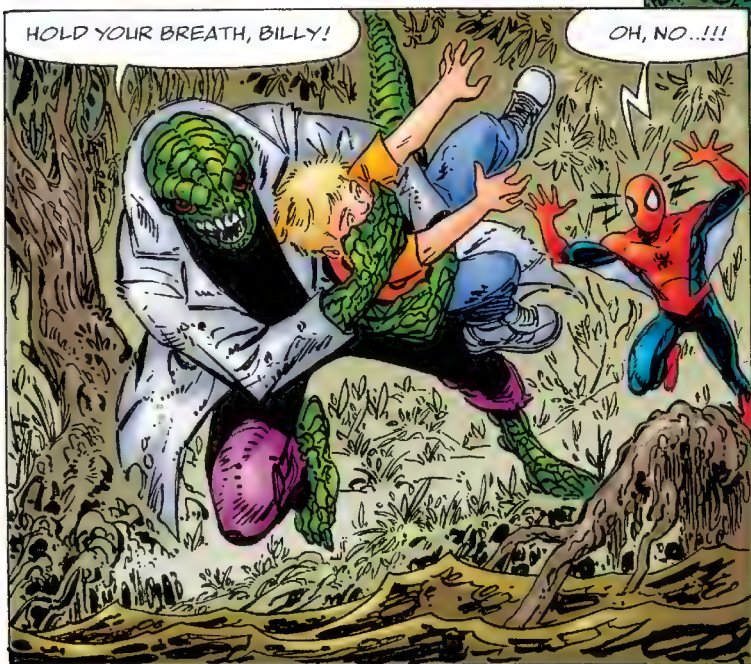
FOOL!

LINGH

MAN! I GOTTA STOP UNDERESTIMATING THIS CREEP!

HIS SKIN IS TOUGH AS DINOSAUR HIDE!

WAK!



HOLD YOUR BREATH, BILLY!

OH, NO...!!!



THERE'S NO TRACE OF THEM! NOT EVEN A TRAIL OF BUBBLES!

HE'S DROWNED THAT POOR KID, MAKING HIS GETAWAY!

NO, SPIDER-MAN...

HE WON'T HURT BILLY.

BUT WE HAVE TO GO AFTER THEM. I CAN SHOW YOU WHERE.

"I KNOW WHERE HE'S GOING."

I DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF TAKING MRS. CONNORS ALONG, BUT SHE WAS SO INSISTENT THAT SHE KNEW WHERE THE LIZARD WOULD HAVE TAKEN HER SON.

SO, I MADE A RAFT OUT OF MY WEBBING, AND...

YOU WERE RIGHT, MRS. C... THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE GIVEN ME DIRECTIONS TO THIS PLACE!

BUT... WHAT THE HECK IS IT?

A FORT, BUILT HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO BY THE SPANISH CONQUISTADORS.

CURT AND BILLY USED TO COME HERE, TO SEARCH FOR ARTIFACTS...



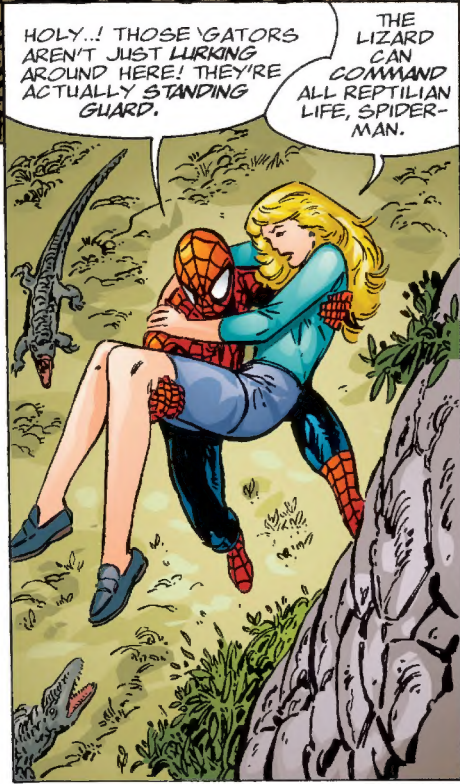
OKAY --BUT THAT DOESN'T TELL ME WHY YOU THINK THE LIZARD WOULD HAVE BROUGHT BILLY HERE...

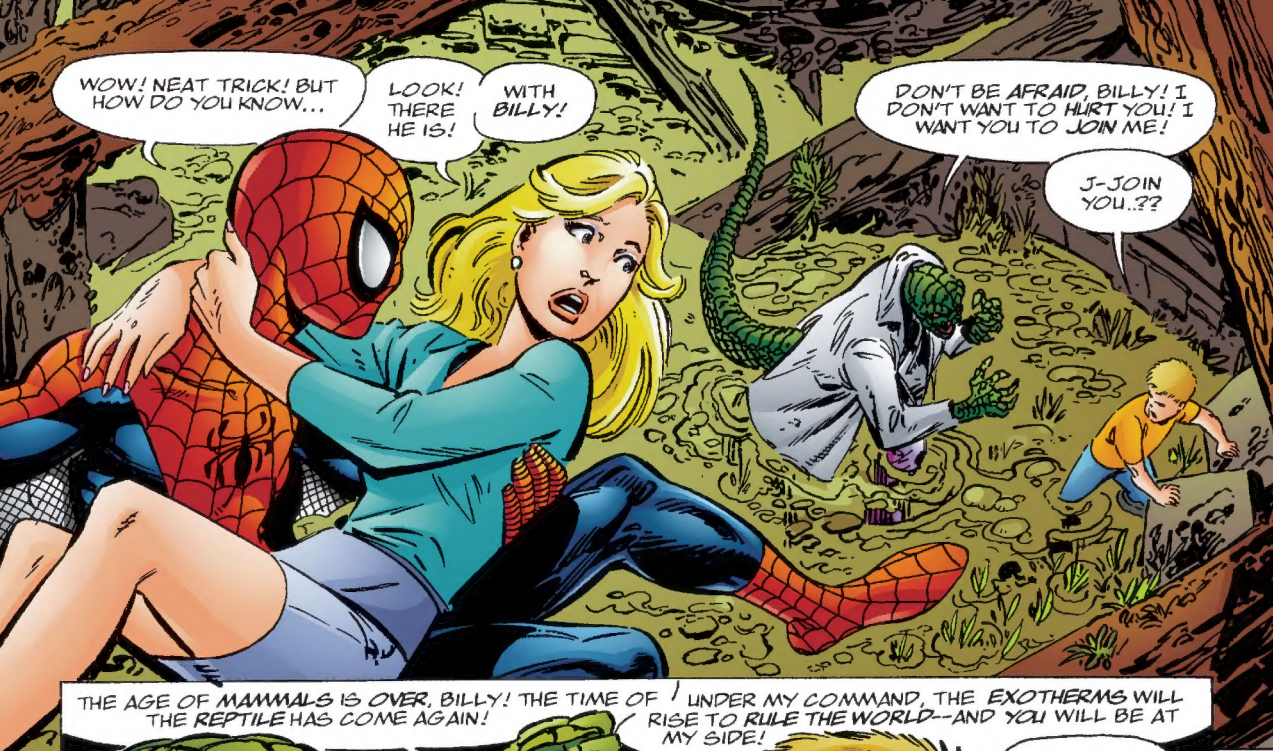
SPIDER-MAN...!



HOLY...! THOSE GATORS AREN'T JUST LURKING AROUND HERE! THEY'RE ACTUALLY STANDING GUARD.

THE LIZARD CAN COMMAND ALL REPTILIAN LIFE, SPIDER-MAN.





WOW! NEAT TRICK! BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW...

LOOK! THERE HE IS!

WITH BILLY!

DON'T BE AFRAID, BILLY! I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU! I WANT YOU TO JOIN ME!

J-JOIN YOU...??

THE AGE OF MAMMALS IS OVER, BILLY! THE TIME OF THE REPTILE HAS COME AGAIN!

UNDER MY COMMAND, THE EXOTHERMS WILL RISE TO RULE THE WORLD--AND YOU WILL BE AT MY SIDE!

OH, I DON'T THINK SO, SCALY-MAN!



SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK HUMAN CIVILIZATION WOULD HAVE GOT WHERE IT IS IF WE SPENT ALL OUR DAYS SUNNING OURSELVES ON ROCKS!

SPIDER-MAN! HOW DID YOU FIND ME...!!!

SMACK



I HELPED HIM!

NOW, PLEASE! LET US HELP YOU!

YOU?!? YOU BROUGHT HIM HERE???

AND RIGHT ABOUT HERE IS WHERE YOU CAME IN...!

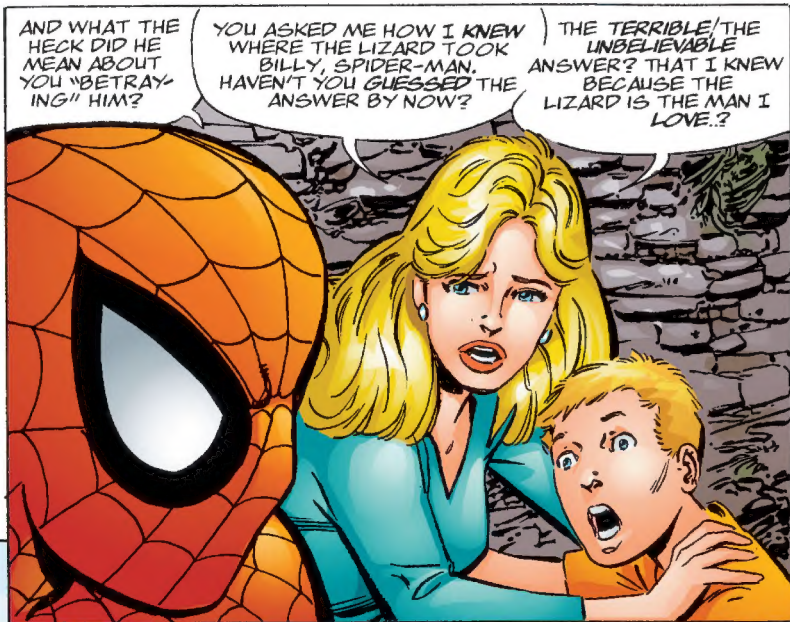


NO! NO! HOW COULD YOU
DO THAT? HOW COULD YOU
BETRAY ME...?!?

STOP...!



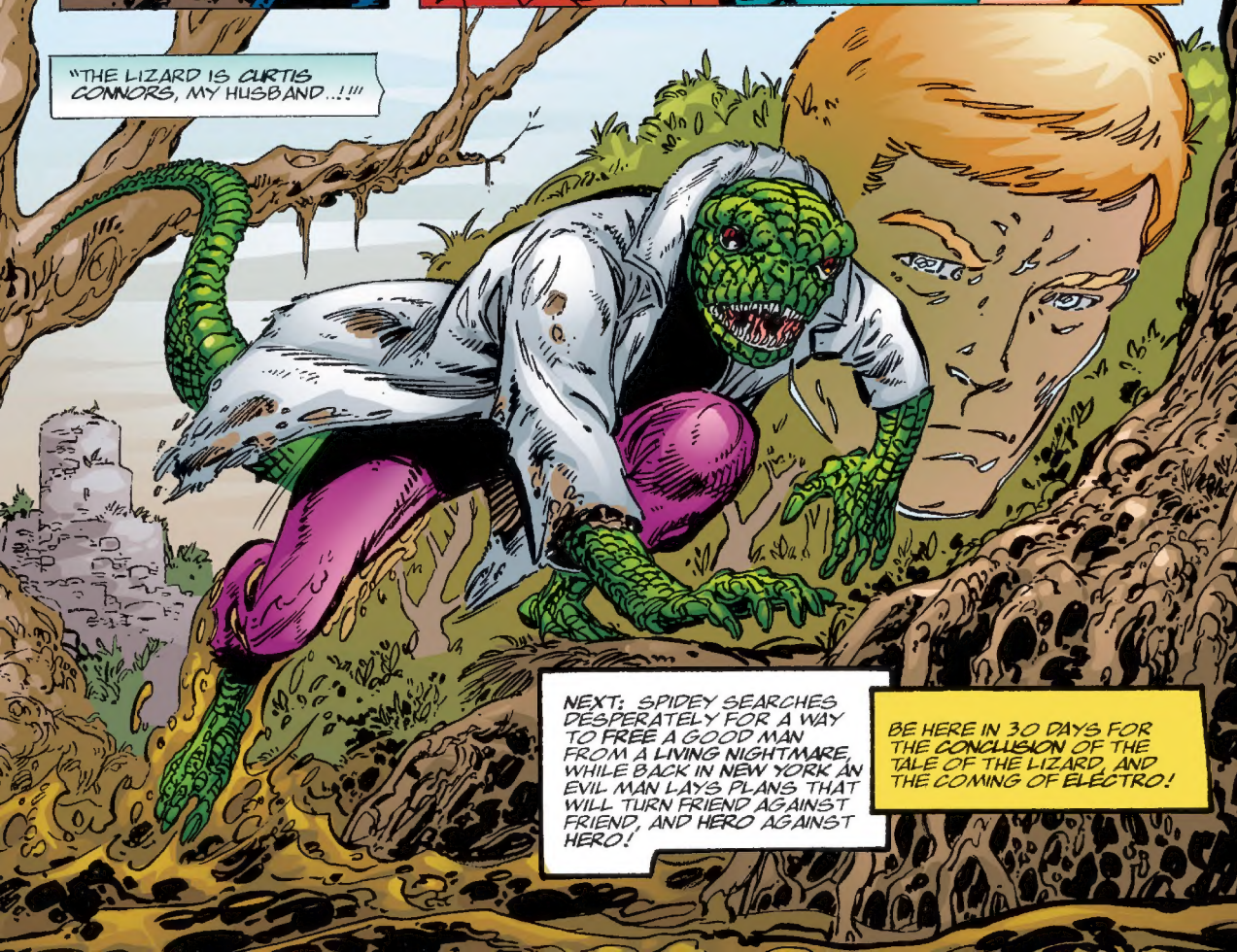
HUH...?
HE WASN'T ATTACKING
YOU--HE JUST JUMPED
RIGHT PAST YOU!



AND WHAT THE
HECK DID HE
MEAN ABOUT
YOU "BETRAY-
ING" HIM?

YOU ASKED ME HOW I KNEW
WHERE THE LIZARD TOOK
BILLY, SPIDER-MAN.
HAVEN'T YOU GUESSED THE
ANSWER BY NOW?

THE TERRIBLE! THE
UNBELIEVABLE
ANSWER? THAT I KNEW
BECAUSE THE
LIZARD IS THE MAN I
LOVE...?



"THE LIZARD IS CURTIS
CONNORS, MY HUSBAND...!!!"

NEXT: SPIDEY SEARCHES
DESPERATELY FOR A WAY
TO FREE A GOOD MAN
FROM A LIVING NIGHTMARE
WHILE BACK IN NEW YORK AN
EVIL MAN LAYS PLANS THAT
WILL TURN FRIEND AGAINST
FRIEND, AND HERO AGAINST
HERO!

BE HERE IN 30 DAYS FOR
THE CONCLUSION OF THE
TALE OF THE LIZARD, AND
THE COMING OF ELECTRO!



Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE